

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2012-136-C - ORDER NO. 2012-426

JUNE 1, 2012

IN RE: Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff for	)	ORDER APPOINTING
a Proceeding to Timely Review FCC	)	HEARING OFFICER
Mandated Reductions to Intrastate Access	)	
Tariffs	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the request filed by counsel for the South Carolina Telephone Coalition (“SCTC”) for the appointment of a hearing officer in Docket No. 2012-136-C regarding the Office of Regulatory Staff’s Petition for a Proceeding to Review FCC Mandated Reductions to Intrastate Access Tariffs. We hereby grant the SCTC’s request. This appointment is in order that the hearing officer may dispose of procedural and evidentiary matters pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-3-40 (Supp. 2011).

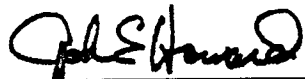
Section 58-3-40(C)(1) states that upon the request of any party or any commissioner, the commission may employ a hearing officer who may hear and determine procedural motions or other matters not determinative of the merits of the proceedings. Under (C)(2), the hearing officer has full authority, subject to being overruled by the Commission, to rule on questions concerning the conduct of the case and other matters. Under (C)(3), the officer must be an attorney qualified to practice in all courts of this State with a minimum of eight years’ practice experience.

We find that F. David Butler, Esquire, meets these qualifications, and we hereby appoint Mr. Butler as hearing officer in Docket No. 2012-136-C. As hearing officer in this proceeding, we direct Mr. Butler to rule on appropriate matters in the case and dispose of procedural and evidentiary matters for the proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

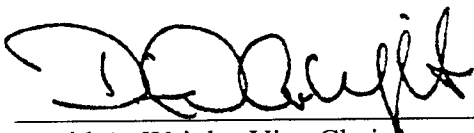
1. F. David Butler, Esquire, is hereby appointed as hearing officer in Docket No. 2012-136-C for disposition of procedural and evidentiary matters.
2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



John E. Howard, Chairman

ATTEST:



David A. Wright, Vice Chairman  
(SEAL)